Wisconsin

Nutrition and Physical Activity Program to Prevent Obesity and Other Chronic Diseases http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/Health/StateHealthPlan/index.htm

The Epidemic

58% of Wisconsin adults are overweight or obese. (CDC BRFSS, 2002)

24% of Wisconsin high school students are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight. (CDC YRBSS, 2001)

The obesity rate among Wisconsin adults increased by 91% from 1990 to 2002. (CDC BRFSS, 2002)

Notable Partners

American Heart Association
Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin
Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin
University of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Action for Healthy Kids Coalition
Wisconsin Business & Industry Coalition
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Wisconsin Health Care/Health Maintenance Coalition
Wisconsin Nutrition Education Network
Wisconsin School Foodservice Association
Wisconsin Schools Coalition
Wisconsin Tribal Health Coalition
Wisconsin Walks Coalition

Major Accomplishments and Products

➤ Testimony presented by invitation to a state legislative hearing on the problem of obesity in Wisconsin

Upcoming Events and Products

- ➤ A Walk/Bike to School Week in October 2004
- A 5 A Day toolkit related to the VERB-It's What
- ➤ The Wisconsin Weight and Physical Activity Status Report

Program Priorities

The planning process for the state comprehensive nutrition and physical activity plan began in August 2003. The plan will be designed to integrate with the state health plan, *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010*. Implementation plans for the *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010* plan are posted on the Department's Web site.

The Wisconsin Nutrition and Physical Activity Workgroup Steering Committee will identify working committees needed to write the state plan by the end of December 2003. The Health Department's Cardiovascular Health, Diabetes, Cancer, and Arthritis Programs are integrating their strategic plans with the state plan.

A work group is being formed to evaluate physical education policies for Wisconsin public school students and make recommendations for changes as needed.

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